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Supreme Court to Review State Rules on DGP Appointments

The Supreme Court directed amicus curiae Raju Ramachandran to examine whether State rules for DGP appointments violate the landmark 2006 Prakash Singh judgment.

A judicial review by the Supreme Court into state police appointment rules and statutory compliance regarding DGP selection and tenure.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- A Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** requested senior advocate **Raju Ramachandran** to review State legislations on police appointments.
- The scrutiny focuses on whether delegated rules passed by individual States conflict with Supreme Court guidelines established in the **2006 Prakash Singh judgment**.
- The 2006 judgment mandated a transparent merit-based selection process and guaranteed a minimum tenure of **two years** for State DGPs.
- In **2019**, the apex court further clarified that only officers with a minimum residual tenure of **six months** before retirement should be considered for DGP post.
- State governments must send names of eligible senior IPS officers to **UPSC**, which shortlists three candidates for final state appointment.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Prakash Singh v. Union of India (**2006**) is the landmark Supreme Court precedent that introduced structural police reforms across India.

The 2006 ruling directed the creation of a **State Security Commission** to prevent unwarranted political influence over state police forces.

The **National Police Commission** (**1977-1981**) was the first major national committee set up to examine comprehensive police system reforms.

Under the **Seventh Schedule** of the Indian Constitution, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects placed in List II.

The **Soli Sorabjee Committee** in 2006 drafted the Model Police Act to replace the colonial **Police Act of 1861**.

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Prakash Singh Case (2006): Supreme Court ruling mandating police reforms and minimum 2-year tenure for State DGPs.

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